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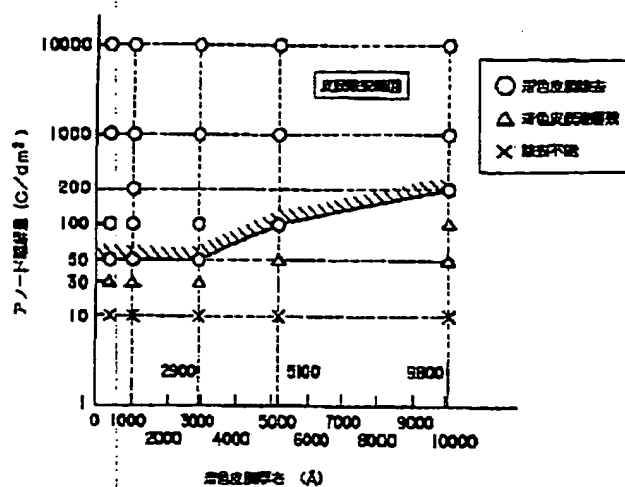
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TITLE : METHOD FOR REMOVING COLORED FILM OF STAINLESS STEEL



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a method for removing the colored film of stainless steel hardly causing surface damage.

SOLUTION: The colored film is anodically dissolved and cathodically reduced in an aq. soln. 0.5wt.% to solubility sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide or their mixture and kept at 30-100°C at $\geq 50 \text{ C/dm}^2$ electrolytic condition and 10-1000A/dm² current density. The film is more efficiently removed by using an aq. soln. contg. 1-50g/l wheat flour in the cathodic reduction.

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